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## RAWN MYSTERY NOT EXPLAINED

### Detectives Have Little Faith In Burglar Theory

Suicide Is Broadly Hinted—President Of Monon Railroad System Was Important Witness In Western Indiana Scandal And Friends Intimate That Man Who Feared Exposure Fired The Fatal Bullet—Wife's Story And Coroner's Discoveries Do Not Harmonize

Chicago, July 21.—Members of the family of Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon railroad, who was shot to death at his summer home in Winnetka, hold steadfastly to their story that he was murdered by a burglar. Others who hold to the burglar theory believe Mr. Rawn may have started down stairs to meet a man supposed to be in the house, but that instead of being shot by the burglar he tripped in his nightrobe and accidentally pulled the trigger of his own revolver as he was falling. A third theory, which is resented by members of the family and by subordinate officials of the Monon, was that Mr. Rawn took his own life, being prompted by worry and sleeplessness over the scandals which have developed in the last week in the affairs of the Western Indiana road, of which Mr. Rawn is a director, and of the Illinois Central, of which he was vice president in charge of operation until last fall.

Mrs. Rawn's Story. Mrs. Rawn says she was awakened by a noise of someone at a door down stairs. She told Mr. Rawn of the noise and he took his revolver, against her protest, and started quietly down the front stairway in his night dress. Mrs. Rawn followed to the head of the stairway. Two shots were fired, she said, and her husband fell moaning down the stairway.

Mr. Rawn lived only a few minutes and was unable to explain how he had been shot. An examination of the revolver he carried disclosed that it contained one empty cartridge. No bullet was found to substantiate the firing of a second shot. Members of the family explain this by suggesting that the burglar also was shot, but not in a vital place. In support of this theory they pointed to spots on a cement walk leading from the house. Close examination of these spots later revealed that they were in all probability paint. The screen doors were pointed out as having been forced open with a jimmy. Detectives who examined these doors and others through which the burglar was supposed to have passed said they might have been forced, but if so the man who did the job was a novice in the burglary business. The burglary crew, therefore, is being pursued on the theory that no practiced night prowler is the guilty man. Coroner Hoffman, after examining the night robe and the wounds of the dead man, said the shot was fired from a weapon not over two or three feet away. Powder burns on the garment indicated this. This distance does not accord with the version of the tragedy recited by members of the family.

Still another clue is that Mr. Rawn was the victim of an enemy who wished to get him out of the way for business reasons. In this connection the Illinois Central graft scandal is mentioned. Mr. Rawn was operating vice president of the road at the time the fraudulent car repair contracts came to light. A short time afterward he left the road and became president of the Monon. Mr. Rawn was to appear next Tuesday as a witness in the Illinois Central cases. At his suggestion the inquiry had been twice postponed.

Enemy Is Suggested. Mr. Rawn is supposed to have known more about the Western Indiana affairs than was comfortable for some who were involved in it. On the ground that someone feared the revelations Mr. Rawn might make regarding these matters, the business enemy theory is based. Those who hold to the suicide theory believe Mr. Rawn was worried over a prospective examination and cross-examination on the witness stand. While it is not even intimated that he was involved wrongfully in the car repair transactions, it is thought he may have feared the imputation that he was not sufficiently vigilant as an official of the road in preventing them.

Rawn was born in Delaware, O., and began his career as a railroad engineer by learning telegraphy. His wife is also a native of that city.

Roosevelt Takes Rest. Oyster Bay, July 21.—Colonel Roosevelt is enjoying a period of peace and quiet at Sagamore Hill, no visitors, political or social, having been received yesterday and none are scheduled for today. He is working hard on his correspondence and the speeches he expects to deliver on his western trip.

## WOULD WHIP YANKEES WITH COMMERCIAL BOYCOTT

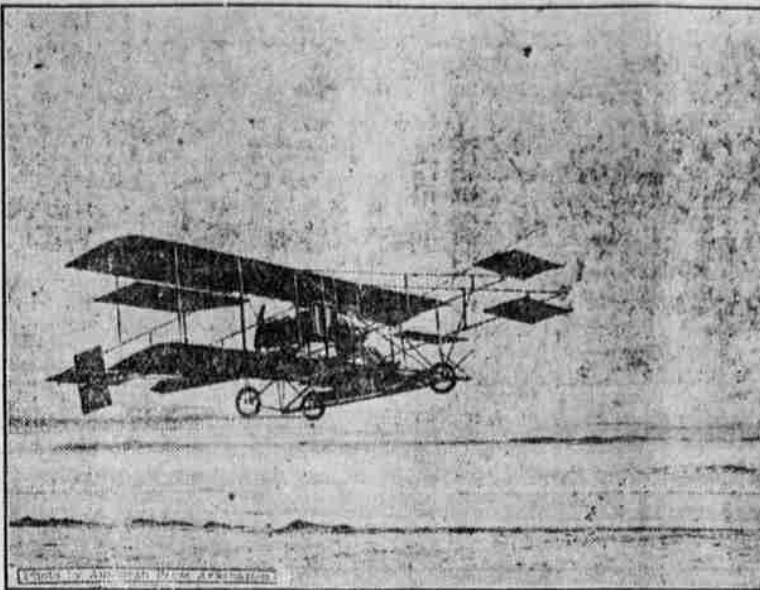
Washington, July 21.—Copies of Managua newspapers which have reached the state department continue their abusive attacks upon the present policy of the state department. On June 25 last La Nacion of Managua, which is regarded as an official organ of the Madrid faction, printed this article:

"We Nicaraguans have some limit to which we may resort as a final recourse if it comes to the point that the Yankee tries to execute his threat; let us lay hands on all the North Americans residing in Nicaragua and let us say to Mr. Taft, 'for each shot you hurl against us, a head of one of your countrymen shall roll on the ground'; let us organize in the form of a powerful coalition of active propaganda to the end that in all the Latin-American countries no goods shall be purchased from the United

States, making our people understand that this is the most efficacious method of combatting the common enemy of our race, so proud owing to its power, so insolent owing to its pride and so detestable on account of its insolence."

Ellis Discusses Weather. Columbus, O., July 21.—Wade H. Ellis returned from his eastern political trip and was enthusiastic over the weather, but positively refused to discuss the Ohio gubernatorial situation further than to state that President Taft does not intend to dictate either the nominee or the platform. He also imparted the information that he yearns to return to the practice of law and that under no circumstances will he again be a candidate for the executive chairmanship.

### Glenn H. Curtiss Willing To Wager He Wins Big Race



Glenn H. Curtiss has started the world by his efforts at Atlantic City with his airship. He has demonstrated that he can fly over the water, drop paper bombs on battleships, and under his expert hands he can make an airship do most "everything but talk, and I am going to have a talking machine to keep me company on my long trips," adds Mr. Curtiss. Curtiss is sure that he can fly between New York and Chicago and says he will demonstrate this fact to the world before August is over.

## BURTON HAS GOOD WORD FOR ALL BUT GARFIELD

Cleveland, O., July 21.—Senator Theodore Burton gave out a statement purporting to define his position relative to the Ohio insurgents led by James R. Garfield, but it left the politicians very much in the dark. He expressed satisfaction with the gubernatorial candidates, Secretary of State Thompson, Judge Brown and Former Lieutenant Governor Harding, but ignored Garfield's candidacy altogether. Regarding the state Republican convention platform he said some of Garfield's planks suited him, and wound up his statement with these words: "Even the president of the United States has not

sought to dictate a single plank of the platform, although he is a resident of the state of Ohio."

### THIS AND THAT

Leiton Potter of Oberlin, O., committed suicide in a park at Muncie, Ind. Disappointed in love.

When Senator Dick of Ohio visited a Beverly (Mass.) barber shop the tonsorial artist took him for the heavy tragedian of a traveling theatrical company.

## PLEADS FOR IRISH UNITY

Portland, Ore., July 21.—A plea for peace and unity among Irish people distinguished the address made by National President Matthew Cummins to the forty-seventh annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, now in session in this city.

## PEN LOSES ITS GROUCH

Columbus, O., July 21.—Anon Warner, known to officials of the penitentiary as the gronchiest man they ever had to deal with, has been discharged. Warner has the reputation of not speaking a word for almost two years. Every question that was asked of him was answered with a grunt, and he never spoke to a man during his confinement. He was serving two years from Cuyahoga county for burglary and larceny.

Yacht Races Postponed. Put-In-Bay, O., July 21.—Failure of wind again forced a postponement of the races and all events were called off as the racing fleet neared the second stake.

## MARINES MAY BE RUSHED TO PROTECT AMERICANS

Washington, July 21.—Fear exists that Edwin W. Trimmer, United States consul at Cape Gracias, Nicaragua, may be assaulted or possibly even assassinated, wherefore it has been decided to send the cruiser Tacoma to the port to investigate, and if conditions seem to demand it, to land marines to protect American

lives and property. This was the report made by Thomas P. Moffat, United States consul at Bluefields.

Lightning Hits Airship. Paris, July 21.—Lightning struck the aeroplane of Aviator Ehrmann during a cross country flight and the machine plunged in blazing circles to the ground.

## HOUSEKEEPER GETS FORTUNE

Zanesville, O., July 21.—When the will of James Lepage, wealthy bachelor, was read, it was discovered that he had left his fortune of \$50,000 to Mary Clapper, his housekeeper. Miss Clapper is 80 years of age and unmarried. The family at once began proceedings in probate court to have the will broken.

## 7 YEARS FOR SHOOTER

East Liverpool, O., July 21.—Pleading guilty to charges of shooting with intent to kill and wound, Lloyd C. Perkins, traction railway employee, who several weeks ago shot and slightly wounded his daughter Pearl, 18, was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

## CONFERS WITH LENTZ

Columbus, O., July 21.—William J. Bryan blew into Columbus, tarried long enough to hold a short session with John J. Lentz and other Democratic leaders, and then blew out again, his destination being Wooster, where he was booked for an address. He absolutely refused to discuss politics for publication with the keen-eyed reporters who spotted him as he was en route to the Union station.

### ACCUSED HIS NIECE

Mob on Lynching Bent Surrounds Mississippian in Swamp.

Bay St. Louis, Miss., July 21.—A band of armed citizens has surrounded a swamp near this place in which Paul Combet, a well-known merchant, who is accused of having ravished his own niece, a child of 12, is supposed to be hiding, according to reports brought to town by messengers from the scene. If Combet is caught there will probably be violence, as the feeling against him is extremely bitter.

### A Guess at It.

Teacher not class in grammar—What do you understand by "parts of speech?" Tommy—"It's—It's when a man stutters."—Chicago Tribune.

### LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beefsteers, \$5.10@5.40; Texas steers, \$4.10@4.40; western steers, \$5.00@5.30; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$2.50@3.00; calves, \$3.50@4.00; sheep and lambs—Native sheep, \$2.50@3.00; western, \$2.40@2.80; native lambs, \$1.50@1.80; western, \$1.40@1.70; yearlings, \$1.00@1.30; Hogs—Light, \$5.00@5.25; mixed, \$4.75@5.00; heavy, \$4.50@4.75; rough, \$4.00@4.25; pigs, \$3.50@3.75; Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.05@1.11; Corn—No. 2, 65¢@66¢; Oats—No. 2 white, 44¢@45¢.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Export cattle, \$6.75@7.00; shipping steers, \$5.50@5.75; butcher cattle, \$5.00@5.25; heifers, \$4.00@4.25; fat cows, \$4.00@4.25; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; milkers and springers, \$2.50@3.00; calves, \$3.00@3.25; Sheep and lambs—Mixed sheep, \$2.50@2.75; western, \$2.40@2.60; yearlings, \$2.00@2.25; Hogs—Heavy hogs, \$4.50@4.75; heavy mixed, \$4.00@4.25; medium, \$3.50@3.75; rough, \$3.00@3.25; stage, \$2.50@2.75.

PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$7.75@8.00; prime, \$7.25@7.50; tidy butchers, \$6.50@6.75; heifers, \$5.50@5.75; cows, \$5.00@5.25; calves, \$4.00@4.25; bulls and stags, \$3.00@3.25; fresh cows, \$2.50@2.75; Veal, \$5.00@5.25; Sheep and lambs—Prime wethers, \$4.40@4.60; good mixed, \$4.10@4.30; lambs, \$3.50@3.75; yearlings, \$2.00@2.25; Hogs—Heavy hogs, \$4.50@4.75; heavy mixed, \$4.00@4.25; medium, \$3.50@3.75; rough, \$3.00@3.25; stage, \$2.50@2.75.

## PROPOSES UNION OF PROGRESSIVES

### Senator Cummins Backs Movement For New Party

Des Moines Paper Urges All Those Who Favor Rooseveltian Policy Of "Square Deal" And Bryan's Pronouncement Of "Equal Rights For All And Special Privileges For None" To Meet In Kansas City Sept. 1—Editor Is Bryan Adherent

Des Moines, Ia., July 21.—It is the general belief here that Senator A. B. Cummins is behind the movement to form a new political party, which shall combine the progressive leaders and members of both Republican and Democratic parties, including Theodore Roosevelt, William J. Bryan, both Iowa senators, Cummins and Dolliver, LaFollette, Beveridge, Pinchot, Garfield and a large number of the men prominent in national politics, but who are decidedly out of touch with the Taft administration.

Rumors of several days past assumed tangible form when the Des Moines News, Senator Cummins' personal organ, contained a leading editorial proposing that a convention be held at Kansas City, Sept. 1, to form a new party "based on the Rooseveltian principle of the square deal," and which the News declares is only another way of stating the Bryan principle of "equal rights for all and special privileges for none." The News pleads for a uniting of the Republicanism of Lincoln and the Democracy of Jefferson for the purpose of "carrying forward the flag of progress to its last and most blessed position of industrial freedom for all men."

Editor W. G. Hale, who wrote the proposed call, was a charter member of the Des Moines Bryan club, but has been a local supporter of Senator Cummins' political ambitions.

### TAFT EXPLAINS LETTER

Says He Gave Kinkade Introduction to Roosevelt.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 21.—Professor Henry C. Emery of Yale, chairman of the national tariff board, dropped in here today to tell President Taft about his recent trip to Europe. He explained the nature of his investigations abroad, which were mainly directed toward obtaining a basis for a comparison of cost of production at home and abroad. The interview took place on board the Mayflower, which is at anchor in the harbor.

The president told friends that the letter which Judge Reynold Kinkade

### SENATOR CUMMINS

Iowa Insurgent Plans New Political Party.



of Toledo carried from Beverly to Oyster Bay was merely an introduction from him to Colonel Roosevelt. Judge Kinkade is a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination of the Republican party in Ohio and was said to desire the endorsement of the president and Colonel Roosevelt. The president told some friends that Judge Kinkade asked for an introductory letter and that was all he got.

## DENIES CLAIM OF BARONESS REVOLT IN HONDURAS

Cincinnati, O., July 21.—Percy Proctor of the family of soap makers, through his attorneys, filed an answer in common pleas court to the cross-petition of Joseph De Wykoff, London, England, agent for his wife, in which he denies that he ever transferred \$40,000 worth of Proctor & Gamble stock to the former Baroness Von Kliffuss as a part of any marriage dowry or settlement. The baroness, the answer asserts, was never the owner of the stock in dispute.

### Under the Spell.

Dashway—A few short hours ago I was sitting with a girl, telling her she was the only one in all the world I ever loved, and so forth. Cleverton—And she believed you, didn't she? "How could she help it? Why, I believed it myself."—Life

### Books.

For the greater part of its life a book is an article of furniture and stands upon the shelf to decorate the library with its patch of color and glow of kindly associations, but from time to time there occur those crises of its existence when it is taken down and read.—London Athenaeum.